

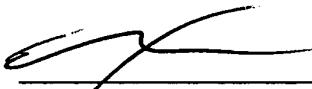
**REMARKS**

By the above amendment, claims 1-8 and 10-13 have been amended to remove the reference numerals therein and to further define the features of the present invention. Additionally, claim 9 has been canceled. Further, the abstract has been amended to delete reference numerals therein.

Examination of the application and favorable action thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1297.43994X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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